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SUBJ: IMPC/EMBOSA

REF: STATE 176023

1. ON JULY 22, ACCOMPANIED BY MINERALS ATTACHE, I MET WITH GEN ALCOREZA, THE NEW GENERAL MANAGER OF COMIBOL TO DISCUSS INFORMATION ON SUBJECT CASE PROVIDED IN REFTEL. I GAVE A BRIEF REVIEW OF RECENT HISTORY OF THIS CASE AND INFORMED COMIBOL THAT IMPC ATTORNEYS HAD PREPARED A COMPLAINT AGAINST COMIBOL AND GOB WHICH THEY INTENDED TO FILE IN US DISTRICT COURT. THEN I MENTIONED IMPC ATTORNEY'S OFFER TO HOLD GOOD FAITH DISCUSSIONS RE THIS CASE BEFORE FILING SUIT AND EXPRESSED OUR INTEREST IN SEEING A SETTLEMENT REACHED OUT OF COURT.

2. THIS INFORMATION DID NOT COME AS A SURPRISE TO GEN ALCOREZA SINCE HE HAD RECEIVED A CABLE THE DAY BEFORE FROM BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON ON THIS SUBJECT. GEN ALCOREZA SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE CASE WAS THAT IT HAD BEEN SETTLED ALREADY

BUT THAT SINCE HE AND ASSISTANT MANAGER (HECTOR ORMACHEA) WERE NEW TO THEIR POSITION IN COMIBOL, HE ASKED THAT THEY BE GIVEN MORE TIME TO STUDY THE CASE BEFORE MAKING A FORMAL REPLY. HE
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SAID, HOWEVER, THAT COMIBOL WAS WILLING TO TALK TO IMP REPRES-

ENTATIVE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF POSITIONS.

HE INDICATED THAT IMPC REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD COME TO LA PAZ BUT
TIMING WILL AWAIT HIS COMPLETION OF REVIEW OF IMPC/EMBOSA CASE.

3. THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS CASE AND INFORM
DEPARTMENT WHEN MORE FORMAL AND DETAILED REPLY IS RECEIVED FROM
COMIBOL.
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